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ELTON, TEX., Nov. 24 -Tae capital of Bell county lies in the valleys and upon the hi is that spread themselves along Lioa river. It is a beantiful sight for a

lows, and low sping ground affording fine location for the business center, and the hills and knolls around furnishing numerons handsome residence sites, where

About 4500 people make this their home, and the town bears the impress of being the solid, thrifty commercial center of a rich and well cul ivated agricultural ways of a village that would be a city, which relies for life upon an artificially inflated boom.

I have been in a number of towns in Texas which I thought were further shead of the surrounding country than was consistent with a healthy state of trade, and the consequence is they will, one of these days, have to stop and wait for the country to catch up.
But Belton is not one of that kind. It

is an old place, its growth has been steady, its prosperity real and its future assured. The farmers of Bell county raise their cotton and corn and whea', bring them in here and receive the money merchants. Of course, when the farmers are in a straight the merchants favor them, thus establishing a reciprocity that proves profitable to both sides. Belton occupies the position of the tortolse in the old fable, and while other cities, like the hare, must sit down and rest, or take a rap while waiting for a new boom. for taem, and then spend it with the local a rap while waiting for a new boom, this plodder tolls patiently and persistently miong, and is sure to grab the persim-mons that hang at the end of the race.

You must not think from this that Bel ton is simply a country village with hone of the ways of a city. It has a good sys-tem of waterworks, is lighted by gas, has good public schools, handsome churches, two railroads, and society that is excellent. The fact is it has many of the good point, the comforts and conve-nierces, elegancies and refinements, of a city, and yet the unassuming modes yof a simple tra ling center of an agricultural communit,

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Factors in the prosperity of the town are a compress, to which the farmers bring 15,000 to 20,000 bales of cotton year), (13,000 have been brought in this year) and a flucting mill, which reduces the whole the document of the contraction o the waest to the finest grade of figur. A magnificent building, costing \$100,000, and surrounded by the blind goddes, with her scales of (ven balance, serves as a courthouse, and Baylor Female College, now in the very ney day of a successful career, endows the daughters of the town

Like all of the older towns, Belton is the haunt of the politician. It is as natural for Beltonians to be politicians as for a duck to be a swimmer. They don't make much fuss about it, but pur-A.J. Post in upon the live topics of the day, locking his labors for this season. below the surface of those economic questions which, like the changing pictures of the panorams, are one after an-Real Estate Brokers and General other presenting themselves to the eye, tainty, thinks that as perfection is of what had occurred. Having done this reached in its manufacture the percentage many of the members being furious at the and genth maniy manner, the tariff, the of granulated sugar will be materially inBiair bill, the race question or the state creased. He quotes the government of the union. A wholesome majority of chemist at Sterling, Kas, as saying: "I them believe in the undying principles of flad by close analysis and comparison assembled and deliberated as to what was Only Democratic party and have an abiding that the standard Southern sugar cane is fifth streets, Fort Worth. not of the entire world.

1 am not informed that any of the merchants closed their places of business to Office Booms 1 and 2 Cor. Second and Houster engage in the recent political carvass, but the lawyers deserted the bar for the stump and west forth to teach pure politics to the people while the dust of a dry fall accumulated upon the legal tomes. The campa ga was red hot. The Democratic convention, in opposition to the advice of some of Democracy's wisest counse fors, put out a straight ticket for county til ers. The opposftion (independents they call themselve) made a strong fight. They declared that the ticket was formed in the interest of those who had opposed probibition, and for the confusion and downfall of those Democrats who had supported the amendman'. Then there was the element wno were naturally opposed to conventions (you flud them everywhere) and the screbeads generally. These all combined, and. with the opposition to Mills, who was the cen-Office Over Ft. Worth Nat'l Bank, traingure in the fight, they seemed to give the Democracy of Bell county a fight that was all it could attend to.

Indeed it was somewhat more, for, while Mills received some 2000 majority, an increase of 700 over his majority of 1886, the county ticket did not fare so well, and the candidates on it ran from as special strention given to litigated civil complimentary majorities all the way down to uncomplimentary defeats.

Christian the candidates failed of electric the candidates failed of electric the collector, the measurer and the representative. On account of the defeat of the last named one

the Democratic leaders here are tearing their hair. The men elected collector and treasurer are old and popular citizens, and have elways been Democrats. The representative-elect is anything but a Democrat. Two years ago he was the candidate of the anti-monopoly party for county judge, but was snowed under. He has been anything, oh Lord, for an

Roop (hav's his name, B. J. Roor) was elected. They nominated A. Lewy of Temple, a good fellow, a popular man among his acquaintances, but without the staying qualities which fitted him for a good run in the country precincts.

Mr. Lewy is, as his name indicates, a Hebrew, and, while it is charitable to suppose that very few persons would be influenced to vote against him because of his race, still the contest was a close one, and it took very few votes to produce large results. Be the cause of Mr. Lewy's defeat what it may, the fact remains that Bell county will be represented in the next legislature by a man who is not a Democrat, and the local this you will set wisely

imity to those filed by Bell of Cooke and Panolev Jones.

The Belton Journal of the current week contains an editor al on Representative Riop. The editor, referring to the fact, mentioned by an admiring biographer, that Mr. Roop is a Greek scholar, says, among other good things: "We cannot close this sketch without expressing our gratification that the fact has been brought out of Mr. Roop's proficiency in Greek, for the reason that we cham-pioned the claims of a Hebrew scholar for the place to which Mr. Roop has of two women in G:a-gow, Scotland, who been elected, believing as we do that the overheard part of the ceremony and pro-Hebrew is more rythmic than the Greek. It affords us much consolation to know that our laws will be cast in a classic two miles from its that our laws will be cast in a classic confluence with the mould, and as we couldn't have Lawy we will take Roop-if Moses and the Propn-story has now added new ets are ruled cut we are pleased to have legend that once on a time Socrates and the Stoics."

While the legislative mantle of George Pendleton is amothering, Roop the seraerons handsome residence sites, where pictures que architecture can be shown to good advantage, and well kept lawns and flawer gardens may show the cultivated thirty-three years of age, and was the fast white child born in Coryell county about 4500 people make this their quick in action, bright in conversation first and second degrees of Freemasoury before held office though he before held office, though he has been a section, rather than the smart, bustling faithful and hard working Democrat ever published in Cork in 1807, and it is ways of a village that would be a city, since he was old erough to vote. He claimed that they were substantiated by was elected by about 5000 m.j.rity, and unless I am mistaken in him, will make his impress upon the legislation of Texas during th next four years.

An interesting character was pointed out to me on the street here to-day. He was a great big fellow (:hat's why I don't give his name) and he looked like a sen-sible man. He was a candidate for the legislature, ran with all confidence that he would be elected, and got just sixty-two votes in the county out of an aggregate of more than 6000 Just one in every 100. The special mission he had marked out for him soil in the legislature

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The season's work-out short two weeks by the bollers barning out and some seventy-five acres still uncu'-yielded 100 000 pounds of sugar, 35,000 gallons of syrup, and 6000 bushels of seed, besides a large quantity of fodder, which latter is scrupulously saved, and is made an important factor in paying expenses. On account of a large quantity of gypsum in the water there is a loss estimated of twenty-one pounds of first sugar from each ton of cane, and from some cane the syrup is nearly ruined.

Mr. Emil avon Schweini z, the great

not superior in sugar qualities to the cane of this section." Mr. Schweinitz says the conditions for favorable case are slitude above ocean level, soi', climate and season. Is not prepared yet to give an answer as to exact conditions of above to produce most favorable sugar bearing

sorghum cane. The sugar from these works has made its appearance on the retail market here. is very light brown in color, fine grained and very sweet, retails twelve pounds or more for \$1. The merchants pay 6 or 7 cents per pound for it.

After you have secured your flouring mill would it not be wise to initiate a movement looking towards the establishmovement looking towards the establish came into a large fortune by her marment of sugar works at Auson? Send a risee, and the poor in general and the committee next sesson to inspect the Masonic poor in particular had good ment of sugar works at Auson? Send a working of the various plants in Kansas and then strike out. Once establish sit-hum sugar works in Anson on a paying. basis, and prosperity is assured. AN Ex-JONESITE

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Ruskin-Snakespeare has no heroeshe has only beroines. Whittier—If woman lost us Eden, such as she alone restore.

Gladstone-Woman is the most perfect when the most womanly. E S. Barrett-Woman is last at cross and earliest at the grave.

Bulwer—To a gentleman, every woman

is a lady in right of her sex. Saadi-A handsome woman is a jewel; a good woman is a treasure.

Lamartine-There is a woman at beginning of all great things.

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Cincinnati Erquirer.

The publication in the Ecquirer several days ago of an article from the Pall Mall Gazette, giving the details of an escapade of two women in Gis-gow, Scotland, who ceedings of a Masonic lodge while in session, caused no little interest and comment, particularly by Masons. The New York World says: The publication of the story has now added new interest to the A WOMAN WAS INITIATED

into the order. In the office of the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge, in the Massonic Temple, hangs an oil painting of a woman dressed in Masonic regalia. Li h-roine of this legend. Sae is said to circumstances of this initiation were first an eye witness to the ceremony. Sabse quently they appeared in a memoir pu' lished by Spencer, the celebrated Mason of bibliopo e, iu London.

was the youngest child and only daughter of the first Viscount Donersile of Ireland. The lodge in which she was initiated was an aristocratic lodge, consisting principally of the gentry and most respectable and wealthy inhabitants of the country arcund Doneraile. The communications were usually held in the town, but during the mastership of Lord Donersile brother of Mrs. Aldworth, the meetings were held at Doneralle house, his residence. Spencer relates this story of the

"It happened that on this particular occasion that the lodge was held in a om separated from another by stud and brick work. The young lady BRING GIDDY AND THOUGHTLESS,

determined to gratify her curiosi'v, and made arrangements accordingly. With a pair of scissors (as she herself related to the mother of our informant) she removed a portion of a brick from the wall, and placed herself so as to command a full view of every thing which occurred in the next room. She thus witnessed the first two degrees in Masonry, which was the extent of the proceedings of the lodge that night.

"Becoming aware from what she hear ! that the bretaren were about to separate, she felt alive to the awkwardness and danger of her situation, and began to consider how she could retire without observation. She became nervous and agitated, and nearly fainted, but so far recovered herself as to be fully aware of the necessity of withdrawing as quickly as possible. Being in the dark soe stumbled and overthrew something—a chair or some chair or some ornamental piece of furni ture. The crash was loud fand the t ler, who was on the lebby or landing on which opened the doors both of the lodge-room and that where the young lady was, gavthe alarm, burst open the door and, with a light in one hand and a sword in the

APPRARED TO THE TERRIFIED AND FAINT ING LADY.

He was soon joined by the members of the lodge present, and luckly, for it is asserted that but for the prompt appearchemist, who has been in charge of the acce of her brother, Lord Doneralle, and plant, passed through here yesterday en other cool members, her life would have route to Washington, having completed fallen a sacrifice to what was then esteemed her crime. The first care of Lord Mr. S. in an interview, says the sor. Doneralle was to resuscitate the unfortughum sugar question can no longer be nate lady without alarming the house and considered one of speculation or uncer- endeavor to learn from her an explanation transaction, she wa- placed under guard of the tiler and a member in the room where she was found. The members re-

to be done. For over two hours she could hear the angry discussion and her death deliberately proposed and seconded. At length the good sense of the majority succeeded in calming in some measure the angry and irritated feelings of the members. It was resolved to give her the option of submitting to the Masonic ordeal to the extent she had witnessed (Fellowcraft), and if she refused the orethren were again to consult. Miss St. Leger, exhausted and terrified by the storminess of the debate, gladly and unnesitatingly accepted the offer and was

initiated. Sister Aldworth, as she was called, r seen to be thankful for her numerous

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